

Bowling Green CAS Session

April 16, 2002

1. What TVA related issues are of special concern to you?

Water supply and protecting the environment

Definitely water provision, flood control and electricity. And also, recreation.

The TVA dams and reservoirs already have covered so much land. I am concerned that future developments might eat up more land. TVA should try as much as possible to preserve the natural environment

Protecting the natural environment, proper use of \$\$ for these issues.
The water supply that it is kept clean for future generations

Erosion of the channel and excess sedimentation in the channels.
Maintaining the rivers natural function in the environment and maintaining
Optimal water quality and efficient use.

My most concerns lie with the protection species and wildlife in their natural habitats. Our future as well as those beyond our time lie in the zones of protected area. We must keep a limit to the amount of natural habitats being lost to human development.

I have concern for the environment protection. I believe that we need to have an spaces of protected and/or undisturbed land for the future of our planet. Trees and plants provide oxygen and aid in the prevention of desertification and erosion. They also intake water that helps in the prevention of flooding. The animals are also an important part of our planet providing for biological recycling and the nutrient cycle.

Protecting natural env.
Water supply
Electricity
Commercial navigation
Aquatic habitat
Preservation
Sustainable env.

Protection of the environment, water quality and watershed protection

The protection of the environment is the most important concern of mine. The environment needs to be preserved so there will be a healthy environment for all of us to enjoy in the future. We as humans put many stressful demands on our environment and river systems. I think these commercial and recreational benefits can be balanced equally after the environment has been protected and monitored from unnatural occurrences.

Cost of power

The TVA has shown beyond question that electricity, flood control, Water Reservoirs may be contained in populated areas without endangering the environment. The TVA is one of the largest successful government operations in the history of the US. TVA has proved to be a good government neighbor, a good corporate neighbor and has provided electricity and water to hundreds of thousands of families in a poverty stricken area that would have otherwise been

years obtaining affordable drinking water and electricity. Additional programs should be considered that show they can pay for themselves.

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 13

2. Why are these issues of special concern to you?

Overall well being of the environment

The original objective of TVA was conservation of land and its resources. Accelerated soil erosion had devastated the land and TVA was established as a land reclamation and conservation measure. TVA must not lose sight of its raison d'etre.

The natural environment is one the greatest assets of the TVA operational area. It has both aesthetic and recreational value. It is the reason many people come to the area on holiday.

I am in the process of earning a Bachelor's degree in Env. Science

Because it is the future of our earth and our state

These are very serious issues and ones that must be solved in order to have Sustainable usage of the river system.

Currently, I am a student attending Austin Peay State University. My concentration is in environmental studies/environmental hazards. I am learning first hand of the negative affects of society on nature. From landfills to the development of once virgin lands. I am mostly concerned because what we do as a society today, will greatly affect what happens to those not able to speak their minds today. I would like my children to have all the same things that I was fortunate enough to experience. What's good for us today, may not be good for those tomorrow.

I would like to have undisturbed land to look at and provide oxygen for me when I'm old.

NECESSITIES!

Tourism is very important for the Tenn. Valley- people come here to enjoy The lakes and we need to protect them

Their important to me because I love to be outdoors mixing with nature. I also enjoy water sports on a regular basis, when the weather permits. I also believe in the uses of our water systems for commercial uses. Barges produce less air quality problems then autos, and The water is far easier to clean than the air.

Because competition should bring long term prices down and because money leave the community

The self motivated and selfish concerns expressed today by environmental groups are a hoax. The economic benefits and the social benefits far outweigh the skewed information presented by individuals who are misguided.

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 13

3. How could TVA improve its management of the TN River system?

More money, hire qualified workers

More public awareness

I wonder sometimes if TVA could control a natural disaster on the river and what kind of power they really have besides electricity. I guess the only way to improve would be to let the public know that they will preserve the water for the future generations.

I think TVA does a good job they should continue to keep up with Technological advances and maintain and or improve technology as innovation is introduced.

I am not experienced enough in the management by TVA to make a true comment. All I can comment is that what I do know, with the slight knowledge I possess, is that the current state of our river system is in a more than adequate state.

They should help persuade planning commissions to prevent the building of residential and commercial buildings in flood prone areas. This could cause a decrease in money for flood control and an increase elsewhere.

Getting the public more involved

Yes-I think the emphasis on watershed protection is key to many water quality issues.

Through continuing monitoring and improvement. I think the water ways can be a benefit for all economic purposes. But, the balance of all of the aspects must be achieved.

They are doing a very good job.

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 10

4. What alternatives should TVA consider in managing the TN River system?

Alternative means of energy such as solar and wind

Making sure that are water is clean for people as well as animals. I think money and damns are not the issue. I think human or animal life is the issue. TVA should know they are making our future.

More emphasis should be placed on public meetings to gain input. I am very impressed with tonight's program, but it needs to be more community based. It needs to be done on a smaller scale. The monetary costs would be high, but it is the only way that the true public would come to these meetings.

Cost benefit analysis

I think TVA is on the right track in developing partnerships with other Agencies, private groups, and industry to achieve their goals

None

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 6

5. What quality of life issues need to be addressed in your area or town?

Water quality

Provision of safe, potable drinking water, provision of electric power, and good recreational facilities.

Most people lack morals in the aspect of protecting the env., Even minimally.

I don't know really. I think the quality of life is exceptional. I'm not starving.

Air pollution is a concern and river pollution.

Pollution levels in the Cumberland need to be addressed. Have you ever been on the river near Clarksville on a warm sunny day? Is raw sewage being dumped strait into the river or what?

My area of Southside (Southeast corner of Montgomery County, TN) doesn't really have any issues. Houses aren't close to the river and the land is mainly used for farming.

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Development of shoreline areas, water quality, and watershed protection

More recreational activities for people in the community. So people can be exposed to nature and the environment. Use it as a learning tool.

Social issues are not fixable by the government. The basic quality of life issue needed in Eastern KY is the creation of employment opportunities for individuals. By raising the standard of living families could enjoy better education, health care, social conditions will correct themselves.

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 11

6. What do you value most about the TN River system and TVA reservoirs?

Water supply

It's ability for flood control, water supply, electricity, recreation and navigation.

I, being an outdoor person, enjoy the recreation that it provides, but I also understand that recreation will not be at the top of the priority list most of the time.

That it is there or us to see and experience.

The cheap electric bills and recreational facilities

I value most the dedication to keeping natural habitats safe and the monitoring of water levels to keep its close residents safe from severe flooding.

I value the generation of electricity. Although it did put my family out of their land years ago, it has helped provide electricity for many communities.

The economical benefits
Electricity

Water supply, recreation-tourism

As pretty as this water way is and all the important wildlife that it supports in its natural habitat. This is what is important to me along with water sports, boating, etc....

Hydro electricity

Flood Control, Electricity, Recreation, Water Supply, Aquatic Environment.

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 13

7. What do you see as threats to the TN River system and TVA reservoirs?

Erosion and water pollutants

Droughts, unpredictable weather, funding, pollution by commercial navigators. I don't know if you allow the traffic of oil tankers, but that is a very big threat, if you do. oil spills, etc, that is.

Growth of cities might put more pressure on the natural environment. Even recreation, which is desirable, might face problems - there is danger of degradation of land and scenery if too many people are crowding into recreation areas. So, rapid urbanization poses a danger.

Property development is progressively eating up rural land. The Tennessee river basin is not immune to this. Indeed, I foresee a situation in which increase in numbers of visitors would call for increased building in undeveloped areas to cater to the needs of the tourists. I also fear that highway development projects may encroach more on undeveloped areas in future

Pollution and urban sprawl

Pollution that we produce everyday

Pollution

I see development as the key threat. Everyone is wanting to move out of the city and into the country near the water. Land is being threatened at an alarming rate.

Pollution...It is a major threat to the well-being of a lot of people, plants, and animals.

Instrumental values over intrinsic values in the decision making process

Uncontrolled development of shoreline areas, greater use of bmp's in ag and Forestry operations

Pollution, pollution!!!!

Minor groups that change management procedures, ignoring the good things achieved.

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 12

8. What do you like about how TVA manages the TN River system & reservoirs?

Recreation and energy

Good flood control, adequate water supply and electric power generation. and also recreational facilities.

The integrated river basin development approach makes for comprehensive management of all aspects of the river basin. TVA was a pacesetter in river basin management. The involvement of the general public in setting policy guidelines is commendable.

I would love to see greater collaboration between TVA and universities in research

That they produce electricity and water

It seems very efficiently run and they seem to be aware and concerned of public opinion. I also like that no tax dollars are used

It seems to always be kept in check.

The environment seems to be stable in many areas.

It covers most all aspects that it is able to cover

I like the integrated management approach that TVA uses

How they manage the water levels really impress me along with the management of commercial navigation through the river systems.

Everything.

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 11

9 Which public benefit do you believe is TVA's highest mgmt. priority?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Protecting the Natural Environment	4
2. Electricity Production	3
3. Flood Control	2
4. Water Supply	1
5. Providing Recreation	0
6. Commercial Navigation	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 12

10. What public benefits are NOT on the list above, but should be?

Educational/Research - It's clear that TVA is a major research institution providing very useful service in the educational sector.

Transportation

Water quality

Environmental health & public safety concerns

Erosion of river banks. I think this is important issue and needs to be addressed.

none

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 7

11. Which public benefit SHOULD BE the highest mgmt. priority for TVA?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
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1. Protecting the Natural Environment	7
2. Water Supply	2
3. Providing Recreation	0
4. Electricity Production	0
5. Flood Control	0
6. Commercial Navigation	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 11

12. Which public benefit should be the SECOND HIGHEST mgmt. priority?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Water Supply	4
2. Electricity Production	3
3. Protecting the Natural Environment	1
4. Flood Control	1
5. Providing Recreation	0
6. Commercial Navigation	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 11

13. Which public benefit should be the LOWEST mgmt. priority?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Providing Recreation	6
2. Commercial Navigation	2
3. Protecting the Natural Environment	0
4. Electricity Production	0
5. Flood Control	0
6. Water Supply	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 10

14. Likelihood that population in your area will grow considerably?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Very Likely	6
2. Somewhat Likely	3
3. Neutral	1
4. Somewhat Unlikely	0
5. Very Unlikely	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 11

15. Desirability of population in your area growing considerably?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Neutral	4
2. Undesirable	3
3. Very Desirable	1
4. Desirable	1
5. Very Undesirable	1

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 11

16. Likelihood that growth will be in cities; undeveloped areas unchanged?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Somewhat Unlikely	3
2. Very Unlikely	3
3. Somewhat Likely	2
4. Very Likely	1
5. Neutral	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 10

17. Desirability that growth will be in cities; undeveloped areas unchanged?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Very Desirable	5
2. Neutral	4
3. Desirable	0
4. Undesirable	0
5. Very Undesirable	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 10

18. What is the likelihood that your area will have more jobs?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Somewhat Likely	3
2. Somewhat Unlikely	3
3. Very Likely	2
4. Very Unlikely	2
5. Neutral	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 11

19. What is the desirability of your area having more jobs?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
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1. Very Desirable	6
2. Desirable	3
3. Very Undesirable	1
4. Neutral	0
5. Undesirable	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 11

20. Likelihood there will be stronger regulations to protect the environment?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Somewhat Likely	4
2. Very Likely	3
3. Somewhat Unlikely	3
4. Neutral	0
5. Very Unlikely	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 11

21. Desirability of stronger regulations to protect the environment?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Very Desirable	6
2. Desirable	3
3. Neutral	0
4. Undesirable	0
5. Very Undesirable	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 10

22. Pick 6 items that represent the MOST important value of the TVA system?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Drinking Water Supply	8
2. Clean Water	7
3. Affordable Electricity	7
4. Flood Control	6
5. Wildlife and Fish Habitat Enhancement	6
6. Economic Development	4
7. Environmental Research	4
8. Shoreline Erosion Control	4
9. Planning for Future Growth	3
10. Public Land Conservation	3
11. Dam Safety	2
12. Commercial Waterway For Shipping Cargo	1
13. Protection of Historical Artifacts	1

14. Scenic Beauty	1
15. Campgrounds and Green Space	0
16. Water-based Recreation	0
17. Shoreland Development	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 11

23. Pick 6 items that represent the LEAST important value of the TVA system?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Shoreland Development	7
2. Commercial Waterway For Shipping Cargo	6
3. Campgrounds and Green Space	6
4. Water-based Recreation	5
5. Protection of Historical Artifacts	5
6. Economic Development	4
7. Scenic Beauty	4
8. Environmental Research	3
9. Planning for Future Growth	3
10. Dam Safety	2
11. Public Land Conservation	2
12. Flood Control	1
13. Wildlife and Fish Habitat Enhancement	1
14. Shoreline Erosion Control	1
15. Clean Water	0
16. Drinking Water Supply	0
17. Affordable Electricity	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 10

24. Please enter the county or counties each of you live in.

Montgomery
Warren county, KY

Todd
Todd county

Montgomery
Montgomery County/Clarksville, TN
Montgomery County
Montgomery

USA

Montgomery County,(Clarksville) Tennessee

Warren county KY

Clay County, KY 40962

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 12

25. Please list your ZIP CODE(S) (you do not have to enter your addresses)

37043
42104
42286
42234
37043

1233 Cottonwood Dr.
Clarksville, TN 37040

37171
37043
37058
37042
42104-4713
40962

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 12

26. Which State(s) do you (or each of you) live in?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Tennessee	7
2. Kentucky	4
3. Alabama	0
4. Georgia	0
5. Mississippi	0
6. North Carolina	0
7. Virginia	0
8. Other	0

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 12

27. I believe TVA will consider my input in this planning process?

True: 75%
False: 25%

Number of Responses Counted (n) : 8